LIST OF SEIZED JEWISH ART COLLECTIONS

1. ANDRIESSE, Hugo Daniel, BRUSSELS
2. ARNHOLD, Hans, 124 Bd. Maurice Barres, PARIS
3. ARNSTEIN, Hermann, 23 Avenue Leopold II, PARIS
4. AUXENTE (PREGEL), 18 Rue Auguste Vacquarie, PARIS
5. BACRI Freres, 141 Bd. Haussmann, PARIS
6. BALL, H. Fa., 169 Rue St. Charles, PARIS
7. BRAUN, Mme. Robert, 23 Avenue Leopold II, PARIS
8. BRUNSWIGG, Betty, 53 Rue Scheffer, PARIS
9. COHN, 3 Rue du General Appert, PARIS
10. COLLOREDE, Princesse, Garde-Meuble, PARIS
11. DAVID-WEILL, deposits at Chateau Sourches and Chateau de Mareil-le-Gruyon
12. DREYFUSS, 8 Rue Elysee, PARIS
13. DREYFUSS, 63 Avenue Raymond Poincare, PARIS
14. DREYFUS, TOURS
15. ERLANGER, PARIS
16. ESMOND, Edouard, 54 Avenue d'Iena, PARIS
17. FLAVIAN, Salomon, Westminister Foreign Bank, PARIS
18. GRAUPE, Societe Parisienne, 20 Rue de Daix, PARIS
19. HAHN, 11 Rue Jules Sandeau, PARIS
20. HALPHEN, Emile, 18 Henri-Martin, PARIS
21. HAMBURGER, Hermann Juan Isaac, last heard of in HOLLAND
22. HEILBRONN, P., 1 Place de l'Alma, PARIS- Credit Commercial de France in MONT-de-MARSAN
23. HESSE, M. Raymond, Chateau Briesac
24. HIRSCH, Leo, 64 Avenue Raymond Poincare, PARIS

25. HIRSCH, Mme. Vve. Louis, deposit in safe of Banque de France, PARIS

26. KALMANN, 51 Avenue Foch, PARIS

27. KANN, Alphonse, ST. GERMAIN-en-LAYE

28. KAPFERER, Mme., Chateau Brissac

29. KRAEMER, Galerie, 46 Rue de Monceau, PARIS

30. KRONIG, Joseph, vault of Credit Lyonnais, PARIS

31. LANGENBACH

32. LANTZ, 16 Rue Greuze, PARIS

33. LEVY, Arthur, 145 Rue de la Pompe, PARIS

34. LEVY de BENZION, Chateau Dravail

35. LEVY-HERMANOS, 81 Avenue Victor Hugo, PARIS

36. LIEBERMANN, 3 Rue de Lota, PARIS

37. LINDENBAUM, vault at Chase Safe Deposit Company, 41 Rue Cambon, PARIS

38. LOEWELL, Chateau Chambord

39. LOEWENSTEIN, F., BORDEAUX

40. LYNDHURST, Rue Joseph II, BRUSSELS

1. MERZBACH, Jean Paul, 43 Avenue Foch, PARIS

42. MEYER, Raoul, 34 Avenue Raphael, PARIS

43. MICHEL, Georges, 14 Rue Clement-Marot, PARIS

44. OPPENHEIMER, Rue Pergolese, PARIS

45. PERLS, Societe Parisienne, 20 Rue de Paix, PARIS

46. PIERROTET, 9 Rue de Marignan, PARIS

47. REICHENBACH, B., Chateau Chambord

48. REIMS, 50 Bd. Flandrin, PARIS (IVe)

49. ROSENBERG-BERNSTEIN, BORDEAUX

50. ROSENBERG, Paul, Bank Vault, BORDEAUX

51. ROSENBERG, Paul, 2 Rue de la Boetie, PARIS

52. ROTHSCHILD, Alexandrine, 2 Rue Leonardo da Vinci, PARIS

53. ROTHSCHILD, Edmund de, 5 Rue de la Terrasse, PARIS

54. ROTHSCHILD, Catherine, 3 Rue Michel-Ange, PARIS

55. ROTHSCHILD, Edoard, 2 Rue St. Florentin, PARIS

56. ROTHSCHILD, Henry, Chateau Vaux de Cernay

57. ROTHSCHILD, James, deposits at Banque de France, PARIS, and 6 Avenue Napoleon, COMPIEGNE.

58. ROTHSCHILD, Maurice, Chateau Ferrieres

59. ROTSHCHILD, Philippe de, deposit at Societe Generale, ARCACHON, near BORDEAUX

60. ROTHSCHILD, Robert, Chateau Laversine, near CHANTILLY.

61. SAUERBACH, 14 Rue Jules Clarty, PARIS

62. SELIGMANN, 90 Rue de la Faisanderie, PARIS

63. SELIGMANN, Andre, Arnold and Jacques, Rue du Faubourg St. Honore and 9 Rue de la Paix, PARIS

64. SIMON, Hugo, 102 Rue de Granelle, PARIS

65. SPIRO, Eugene, 31 Rue de la Faisanderie, PARIS

66. STERN, Caroline, Chateau de Vilette, near PONT ST. MAXENCE.

67. STRAUSS, Emile

68. STRAUSS, Walter, 12 Rue Raynouard, PARIS

691 TALMA, 27 Avenue Foch, PARIS

70. UNGER

71. VORONOFF, Georges, 155 Bd. Haussmann, PARIS

72. WATSON, M., Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie, PARIS

73. WEIL-p PICARD, 66 Avenue Victor Hugo, PARIS

74. WEINBERGER, Alfred, Bank vault, Morgan & Co, PARIS

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75. WERTHEIMER, Paul, 39 Avenue Foch, PARIS (XVIe)

76. WILDENSTEIN, Elisabeth, 23 Rue de Berry, PARIS

77. WILDENSTEIN, Georges: 1) 57 Rue de la Boetie

2) Chateau de Moyres, near ANGERS

3) Chateau Sourches

78. WILDENSTEIN, Lazare, 57 Rue de la Boetie, PARIS

79. WOLFF, 5 Rue Marcel Loyau, BOULOGNE-sur-Mer.

COPY

Reichsleiter Martin BORMANN

Headquarters
of the Fuhrer
21 April 1943.

TO: Reichsleiter Alfred ROSENBERG, Margaretenstrasse 17,
BERLIN W 35.

Very Honorable Party Comrade Rosenberg:

The Fuhrer wishes that the art objects seized by your staff be transferred as soon as possible to the Fuhrer's experts for further handling. Expert for the projected LINZ Library is Dr. Friedrich WOLFFHARDT, Fuhrerbau, MUNICH; expert for the galleries which the Fuhrer is considering (LINZ, etc.) is Professor Dr. VOSS, DRESDEN State Art Gallery; expert for the remaining collections which the Fuhrer wishes to build in LINZ is at the present time Dr. von HUMMEL, Fuhrerbau, MUNICH.

Heil Hitler!

Yours,

Signed /t/ BORMANN

Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff
Special Staff for Pictorial Arts

ST. GEORGEN/ ATTARGAU
Kogl 1, 14 July 1944

Enumeration of seized art works, according to the inventory lists received up to 1st July 1944 from 203 locations.

The most important locations (collections) are:

I. ROTHSCHILD with 3,978 inventory numbers

II. KANN with 1,202 inventory numbers

III. David WEILL with 1,121 inventory numbers

IV. Levy de BENZION with 989 inventory numbers

V. SELIGMANN Brothers with 556 inventory numbers.

The total number of objects is 21,903.

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LIBERATION - RESTORATION - REHABILITATION

FRANCE

Vo. I - - - - - - - General

Vo.II - - - - - - - Jews

F. 1 - Participation of Jews in Liberation

a) Jews in United Nations armies
b) Jews in Maquis and F.F.I.

F. 2 - Balance of Nazi and Vichy oppression

F. 3 - Restoration in civil and political rights

a) General
b) Problem of refugees, deportees etc.

F. 4 - Restoration of property

F. 5 - Resumption of Jewish life

a) Representative bodies
b) Social, cultural and religious life
c) Relief

F. 6 - Public opinion and reactions

a) French (inside and outside France)
b) Foreign
c) Nazi and Vichy elements

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RG 200 - National Arcvhies Gift Collection
Abraham G. Duker/Irving Dwork Papers
(OSS - Research & Analysis - Jewish Desk)
Box 9
File 88

RECORD GROUP 200 - NATIONAL ARCHIVES GIFT COLLECTION

ABRAHAM G. DUKER/IRVING DWORK PAPERS

(OSS Research & Analysis Branch - Jewish Desk)

Box 9
File 88

List of Seized Jewish Art Collections

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF 79 NAMES with STREET ADDRESS AND CITY

Most addresses are in Paris
One in Brussels
One in Holland

CARBON COPY of a
Typed list near front of file folder

Four pages, numbered 36-39 are clipped together
Three pages, unclipped but together, come before them in the file folder, separated by one sheet of paper on a totally different subject, that is dated December 1, 1944
One of these sheets is numbered 41
Type face looks the same, especially for numerals 2 and 4
Assumption - these 6 sheets go together

NO author, agency or source given for paper
There is NO date on this document

File 88 consists of miscellaneous documents, mainly on the situation of the Jews in Hungary
Documents in the file are dated from July - November 1994, with some dated 1945 and 1946
Documents are NOT always in chronological order

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UNITS OF SERVICE						SOURCE OF REQUEST (Check)
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WRITTEN	ORAL					Agency of Origin
						Other Government
						Nongovernment
						REQUEST HANDLED BY KIT JR

RG NO.	STACK AREA	ROW	COMPARTMENT	SHELF	OUTCARD NO.
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RECORD IDENTIFICATION

DWORK PAPERS

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13 June 1988

MEMO RE. THE DUKER/DWORK PAPERS

On May 25, 1988, in accordance with a prior agreement made by Bob Wolfe (NNM), Ken Rossman (NIR), and Alan Thompson (NND), the National Archives received for examination a collection of 13 cubic feet of material, the Duker/Dwork Papers, concerning anti-semitism and the persecution of the Jewish people during the World War II era from the Bayonne Federal Records Center (2 NC). No attempt has been made to rearrange these papers since they were received from the Bayonne FRC. The file folders, however, have been numbered consecutively 1-365.

The documents in the Duker/Dwork Papers were compiled largely by Dr. Charles Irving Dwork while serving in the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services as grade T4. At Dr. Dwork's death, these papers were transferred to Abraham G. Duker, who had served in the OSS Foreign Nationalities Branch as a sergeant. In 1987, when Mr. Duker died, they were left to his daughter, Mrs. Deborah Marmon of 82 Belmont Drive North, Roslyn Heights, New York. Mrs. Marmon agreed to transfer them to the National Archives and Records Administration.

Approximately three-fourths of the Duker/Dwork Papers appear to be records of the Office of Strategic Services. The largest series, consisting of 146 folders, is composed of war crimes records. The folders for these files are captioned Part I, II, and III or by exhibit and the documents themselves are marked confidential. They are all concerned with criminal conspiracy against the Jewish people. The OSS General Counsel's Office was charged with preparing evidence for the war crimes trials. (See attached Folder Analysis.)

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Fifty-two file folders are records of the German Embassy in Bucharest. This series of records can also be found in RG 242. They are described in the Guides to German Records (No. 81, p. 41) as follows:

> The following record items DGesBukarest XL 13163/1 through 13710 (not inclusive) are records of the Deutsche Gesandtschaft in Bukarest (German Embassy in Bucharest), captured in 1945 in Bucharest and inadvertently incorporated into the records of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), Research and Analysis Branch, Central Information Division, RG 226, and are therefore a part of that record collection's document numbering system (XL). In this collection of the Records of the Reich Leader SS and Chief of the German Police, the designation "OSS" is replaced with "DGesBukarest" for computer purposes and provenance identification, but the "XL" number is retained for reference to the original NARS OSS records collection.

Documents received from other agencies by OSS include records of the Assistant Secretary of War, the State Department and the U.S. Office of Censorship.

Most of these records are not originals, but photocopies, carbon and circulating copies, and the collection does not appear to be unique. A collection similar to the Duker/Dwork Papers might perhaps be compiled from the records of RG 226. To make such a compilation, however, an item by item comparison of the Duker/Dwork Papers with OSS records would be necessary.

About a fourth of the material in the Duker/Dwork Papers is composed of documents of indeterminant source or from private papers and publications. Unlike the records received or created by the OSS, these papers have no restricted, secret or confidential classifications. They are composed in French, German, and English and they concentrate primarily on Jews during World War II. But they also consider the suffering of the Jewish people from the days of the Talmudists to the times of the Crusades.

Lawrence H. McDonald

13 June 1988

DUKER/DWORK PAPERS
FOLDER ANALYSIS

I. Office of Strategic Services Records
(Folders Composed of Documents Created or Received by OSS)

SOURCE	NO. OF FOLDERS	% OF TOTAL
War Crimes Series	146	40%
German Embassy, Bucharest (R&A)	52	14%
Asst. Sec. of War	12	3%
State Department	12	3%
Research and Analysis Br., OSS	11	3%
R&A Br. and FNB Br. OSS (mixed folders)	4	1%
R&A Br. and other docs. (mixed folders)	3	1%
U.S. Office of Censorship	2	0.5%
Other OSS records	28	7%
Subtotal	270	74%

II. Other Documents and Papers

SUBJECT	NO. OF FOLDERS	% OF TOTAL
Misc. Press Clippings, Pamphlets, Letters, Articles, Etc.	39	9.5%
Vichy France	20	4.5%
Near East	6	2%
Germany	5	1.5%
Poland	3	1%
Misc. and OSS (mixed folders)	2	0.5%
Other folders	20	4.5%
Subtotal	95	26%
Aggregate Total	365 folders	100%

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EXHIBIT B 2
Re: Confiscation of Art.

Duker/Dwork Papers
Folder 232
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RG200 - Gift Collection of the National Arcvhives = Duker/Dwork Papers
Box 19 - Folder 232 - Exhibit B2 - Re: Confistcation of Art
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COLLECTION OF GERMAN LETTERS AND MEMORANDA
PERTAINING TO CONFISCATION OF EUROPEAN ART TREASURES

Secured by 1st Lt. James J. RORIMER,
G-5 Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Officer,
Seventh Army
from
Dr. SCHIEDLAUSKY and Bruno LOHSE

AG Section
Translation and Coordination
T-2108 19 May 1945
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Reichmarschall
of the Greater German Reich

ROMILTEN, 21 November 1940.

Dear Party Comrade ROSENBERG:

Hearty thanks for your letter and most of all for the wonderful book "Deutsche Grosse" ("German Greatness"). I have already heard much about the exhibition and have read something about it. It is not really necessary for me to assure you how particularly warmly I, for my part, greet this exhibition. As a matter of course, I will avail myself of the next opportunity to inspect it.

I should like to inform you briefly as follows, relative to the cultural goods seized in France. I have especially welcomed that, after much vacillation, an authority for the collection of the articles was finally decided upon although I must point out that other authorities also claim to possess power from the Fuhrer, first of all the Reich Foreign Minister, who several months ago sent a circular to all authorities, claiming among other things, power for occupied territory, and stating that the safeguarding of art treasures was his responsibility.

Moreover, the Reich Propaganda Minister is still also delegated, I believe, to determine the date relative to those cultural goods, which once were stolen from Germany and which should now be returned. This, however, pertains mainly to the articles that are found in the possession of enemy museums.

I have promised to support energetically the work of your staff and to place at its disposal that which it could not hitherto obtain, namely, means of transportation and guard personnel, and the Luftwafe is hereby assigned to give the utmost assistance.

In addition, I should like to call to your attention that I have been able to obtain especially valuable cultural goods from Jewish owners. I obtained them from hiding places that were very difficult to find; I discovered these a long time ago, by means of bribery and the employment of French detectives and criminal agents. This activity continues, as does the activity of my foreign exchange investigation authorities in scrutinizing bank vaults. In both cases the results will be communicated to your staff, which will then be required to seize the articles and transport them. I consider the co-operation between your staff and Herr THURIAR's office in PARIS an excellent and answering its purpose to the highest degree.

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In order that no incorrect ideas arise regarding the articles that I want to claim for myself, and those I already have obtained through purchase and others which I should like to obtain, I wish to communicate to you the following:

1) I already possess today through purchase and barter perhaps the most important private collection, in Germany, if not in Europe. These are works that I include in the category of early-Nordic masters, that is, consequently, the early-German, the early Dutch and Flemish, the works of the French Gothic, that is, paintings as well as sculpture.

2) A very extensive and highly valuable collection of 17th century Dutch.

3) A relatively small but very good collection of 18th century French and finally a collection of Italian masters.

This whole collection will be housed appropriately in CARINHALL and will come later into the possession of the State as my legacy, with the provision that the gallery remain in CARINHALL.

The Fuhrer has welcomed my plan, as well as supported it.

In order to complete this collection I have considered the purchase also of some few pieces from confiscated Jewish cultural goods. This pertains chiefly to masters whose works I did not hitherto possess or works necessary to supplement the collection. I submit these things from time to time to the Fuhrer. The purchase occurs as follows: the objects are examined by a French expert, the president appointed by the government (whose name I have forgotten for the moment). The purchase sum is paid out to the trustee whom the German state has appointed. Arrangements and discussion concerning its use as well as the use of other sums accumulating in the trust funds will be carried out later. In view of the hundreds and thousands of paintings, this is a very modest percentage. Up to now there have been about 15 paintings. By the way, I consider this percentage all the more justified, in that through my efforts, whth can be proved, I brought out of their hiding places a very large part of the art treasures. As a matter of course, the Fuhrer has reserved for himself the right of decision over the most valuable part of the collection. An extraordinarily large number of objects remain, however, the total of which will apparently read into thousands; these can be employed for the decoration of party and state buildings as wel as for the filling of museums.

This in short for your personal information, so that no false ideas can arise.

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As for your letter addressed to Professor SPEER, I can only agree whole-heartedly and most warmly with your opinion. Your lines dedicated to the Theater-Germanentum pleased me particularly. In this matter my endeavors coincide with yours one hundred per cent. I should be grateful to you if at our next meeting we could discuss means leading to a quick and thorough success.

Sometimes it is almost horrible to see these theater clubs (Theatergermanen) dawdling around during the magnificent Wagnerian Operas. But also everything else you wrote in this letter agrees completely with the line I follow.

It would please me very much to be able to see you again as soon as possible.

The Fuhrer has given me a several weeks' relaxation leave, which I urgently needed, since I found myself for the first time at the end of my strength. I first went to my hunting lodge at ROMILTEN, in order to be able to recover, away from all cares. I shall be in BERLIN for several days around the 18th of December and shall not fail to inquire in due course at your office when it is convenient for you to hold a conference.

Thanking you again for the book, I am with

Heil HITLER!

Yours

/s/ GOERING

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The Reichsmarschall of the Greater German Reich

Adjutant's Office

1030/43 24 April 1943

Dear Herr von Pehr:

The Chief of Staff of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG'S Staff for Occupied Territories, UTIKAL, has informed me that you have left "Service LOUVRE" and that Territorial Leader SCHOLZ has been appointed to your position. You, on the other hand, were put in charge of "Service WEST" of the Reich Ministry for the Eastern Occupied Territories.

For the Reichsmarschall's information I ask you for more detailed explanation as to how this matter will work out in practice and what the effect will be as far as the Reichsmarschall's interests are concerned.

Heil Hitler!

Yours,

/t/ BRAUCHITZSCH

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DECREE OF THE FUHRER

Jews, Free Masons and those opponents of National Socialism who are affiliated with them on the basis of "Weltanschauung", are the authors of the present war against the Reich. The systematic spiritual battle against these forces is a task made necessary by the war effort.

I have therefore directed Reichsleiter Alfred Rosenberg to carry out this task in agreement with the Chief of the Wehrmacht High Command. His staff for the occupied territories is authorized to search libraries, archives, lodges and other "Weltanschauung" and cultural establishments for relevant material and to have this material requisitioned for the "Weltanschauung" tasks of the NSDAP, and for future scientific research by the higher educational institutions. The same regulation applies to cultural treasures which are the property or in the possession of Jews, which are ownerless, or the origin of which cannot be clearly established. Directions for carrying out this order in cooperation with the Wehrmacht will be issued by the Chief of the Wehrmacht High Command in agreement with Reichsleiter Rosenberg.

The necessary measures within the Eastern territories under German administration will be taken by Reichsleiter Rosenberg in his capacity of Reichsminister for Occupied Eastern Territories.

/s/ HITLER

Headquarters of the Fuhrer, 1 March 1942.
To all offices of: The Wehrmacht
The Party and
The State-

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The Reichsmarschall of

the Greater German Reich

Headquarters, 1 May 1941.

The battle against Jews, Freemasons and other affiliated forces of opposite "Weltanschauung" is a foremost task of National Socialism during the war.

I therefore welcome the decision of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG to form Staffs in all occupied territories for the purpose of safeguarding all research material and cultural goods of the above-mentioned groups, and transporting them to Germany.

All Party, State and Wehrmacht Services are therefore requested to give all possible support and assistance to the Chief of Staff of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's staffs, Reichshauptstellenleiter Party Comrade UTIKAL, and his deputy DRK, Feldführer Party Comrade von BEHR, in the discharge of their duties. The above-mentioned persons are requested to report to me on their work, particularly on any difficulties that might arise.

/s/ GOERING

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Oberkommando des Heeres
Gen St. d. H/ Gen Qu
Az. Abt. K. Verw. (verw)
No. II/ 11 564 /42.

Headquarters, Army High Command
30 September 1942

SUBJECT: Employment of Special Commandos of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff for the Occupied Territories.....

I. Tasks

By decree of 1 March 1942, the Fuhrer has put Reichsleiter ROSENBERG, who is "Commissioner for the Total Spiritual and Philosophical Indoctrination and Education of NSDAP", in charge of the spiritual battle against Jews and Free Masons and affiliated opponents of National Socialism on the basis of their "Weltenschauung", who are the instigators of the present war. The Fuhrer declared the systematic spiritual battle against these forces to be a task dictated by the necessities of war. For this purpose, the Fuhrer has ordered, among other things, that "Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff for the Occupied Territories" be authorized in occupied territories which are under military government and in occupied territories of the EAST which are under civilian administration- exclusive of the General government, to:

a) Search libraries, archives, lodges and other philosophical and cultural institutions of all kinds for appropriate material and to seize such material in fulfillment of his task.

b) Seize cultural goods that are owned or possessed by Jews, goods that are ownerless or ownership of which cannot be clearly determined.

On 12 June 1942, The Reichsminister for Occupied Territories in the EAST established in his ministry a "Control Authority for Seizure and Preservation of Cultural Goods in the Occupied Territories of the EAST". For carrying out these provisions, it will also make use of "Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff for Occupied Territories". With the exceptions of cases in which the safeguarding of imperilled cultural goods is urgent, they will remain temporarily where they are. According to an agreement between Army High Command/Army General Staff/ Quartermaster General and Reichleiter ROSENBERG's Staff, the following concession was made:

c) To salvage and/or safeguard in the operation zone of the EAST such cultural goods to which paragraph b) does not apply (especially museum treasures) in order to prevent their damage or destruction.

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II. Procedures.

For carrying out the tasks mentioned under I a), b), c), Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff will set up special commandos. With Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's agreement the employment of these special commandos is governed by the following rules:

1). In order to direct the special commandos through central authority whenever necessary, a member of Riechsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff will be attached to High Command of an Army Group or to an Army High Command who will be in charge of the special commando or commandos in the territory of the Army Group and/or Army. It will be the duty of this person to inform in proper time the Commander-in-Chief of an Army Group and/or Army of directives given to him by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG or by the Chief of his staff. The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to give Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff member directives necessary to avoid operational disturbances; they supercede all other directives. The commissioners are required to work in constant close collaboration with Ic. The appointment of a liaison agent of the commissioner to Ic may be requested by the authorities in command. Ic will coordinate the tasks of the special commando with counter-intelligence and activities of the Secret Field Police. The coordination with counter-intelligence officers and/or services is governed by arrangements made between Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff and Army High Command Counter-Intelligence for Foreign Countries.

2). Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's special commandos perform their duties on their own responsibility and according to directives given them by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG.

3) In execution of their tasks described in paragraph I a), b), c), Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's special commandos in the operational zone are authorized to search buildings for appropriate material and may seize the latter. The Secret Field Police will be informed of the seizure. The Secret Field Police will assist the special commandos if necessary.

4) The line of demarcation between the activities of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's special commandos and the special commandos of the Chief of the Security Police and the Security Service will be drawn by direct agreement of both services.

5) (a) The special commandos belong to the services attached to the Wehrmacht. They wear brown uniforms with the nationality badge.

(b) The special commandos consist of 20- 25 men. Their equipment and supplies, togethe with an appropriate number of vehicles will be allocated by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's staff.

(c) The special commandos are subordinate to the services to which they are attached for the execution of their tasks, with regard to supply, movement and billeting. Supply by the post exchange is also authorized.

(d) The members of the special commandos identify themselves by a "Service Book" of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff corresponding to the Soldier's paybook. In this service book the rank of the holder is entered; a further entry will be made as to how the holder is to be taken care of (enlisted men, non-commissioned officers, officers). His attachment to and length of service with the Wehrmacht are to be entered on a page especially provided therefor by the service to which the special commando is assigned. This service book serves as personal identification.

(e) The special commandos are entitled to the same medical attention as the troops. They are to be inoculated according to the regulations for the Army.

(f) Allocation of a fuel quota is to be arranged from time to time with the Chief Quartermaster of the Army to which the special commando is attached. Vehicles are to be served by Army Motor Pools.

(g) Field postal service for the special commandos is taken care of during movement by the field post station of the service to which the special commando is attached. During long periods of work in one location a proper field postal number may be assigned by the competent Army Field Postmaster.

(h) The special commandos have the right to use the Wehrmacht telephone system and Wehrmacht teletypes in the direction of the front, but military necessity has priority; as far as possible also to the rear. Within the field of military administration, connection with the Wehrmacht telephone system is to be made possible.

(i) With regard to the use of means of transportation, the provisions applicable to the Wehrmacht are also valid for the special commandos. Wehrmacht travel permits will be issued upon application by the service to which the special commando is attached.

III. The above-mentioned directives must be made known from time to time to the authorities to which special commandos are attached.

The special commandos of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG are to be supported in every manner in the execution of their work. In particular as far as operations permit, employment directly with combat units is to be made possible if the occasion arises.

IV. Independent of the tasks of the special commandos of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG relative to I a), b), c), the troops and all services employed in the operational territory are directed, now as before, to preserve valuable art monuments if military operations permit and to keep them from destruction or damage.

Especially in the occupied Eastern territories, where in contrast with the WEST and SOUTHEAST, no organizations for the protection of art have been established by the Army High Command/ Army General Staff/Quartermaster General, the provisional safe-guarding of cultural goods, museums, etc. by the troops and military authorities assumes particular importance, as does the subsequent notification of and/or delivery to Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's special commandos.

By order.

/s/ Illegible

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28 January 1942

TO: Military Commander in PARIS, France. Anna 666

Military Commander in Belgium and Northern France, BRUSSELS.

The Fuhrer has agreed that all furniture of Jews who have fled or are still in the process of leaving the occupied WESTERN territories be seized for the purpose of furnishing administrative establishments in the EAST. The seizure will be carried out according to orders. The seized articles become property of the Reich. Art treasures, precious rugs and similar items are not suitable for use in the East, under conditions prevailing there. They will be safeguarded in France. Since the shipment of the seized property to the EAST is a transportation problem that cannot be solved at the present time, the sole consideration at present is that of safeguarding for the Reich the furniture in question. The execution of the seizure will be the responsibility of "Staff ROSENBERG".

Army High Command/Quartermaster
General (V) No. rom. 2/779/42

OFFICIAL:

/s/ FREISING

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On 14 January 1942- No. 001 364/R-Ma- the Reichsminister, Reichsleiter ROSENBERG, ordered the "Staff of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG for the occupied territories" to safeguard furniture in Jewish households in the occupied WESTERN territories for the purpose of supplying the administration in the occupied territories of the EAST.

Action M assumed such proportions that the Staff of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG is obliged to return to the Reichsministry for the occupied territories in the EAST the order of 14 January 1942 for execution on its own responsibility.

For this purpose Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff and the Reichs-Ministry reach the following

AGREEMENT

1

The entire order for execution of Action M has been returned by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff to the Reichsministry, effective 25 March 1942.

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a) The order to Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff, renewed by a decree of the Fuhrer dated 1 March 1942, to safeguard material concerning political opponents as well as Jewish and ownerless cultural goods in the occupied WESTERN territories, is not affected thereby.

b) The Reichsministry takes the responsibility of offering the following articles seized in Action M to Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff and of delivering them to him upon his request: books, manuscripts, files and correspondence, as well as valuable art treasures, such as paintings, sculptures and Gobelins of particular artistic value, hand-made furniture of artistic value, hand-made objects of daily use and decorative objects made from metal, wood, glass or porcelain and especially valuable rugs.

3

The Reichsministry establishes the "Service WEST of the Reichsministry for the occupied EASTERN territories" for the execution of Action M in PARIS as a branch service of its central administration.

4.

The Services of "Service WEST" will be separated from the services of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff as regards personnel and locale.

5

a) DRK- Oberfeldfuhrer Kurt von BEHR- entrusted with the execution of Action M by Reichsminister ROSENBERG, through order of 14 January 1942 (No. 001 364/R/Ma)- is appointed Chief of "Service WEST".

b) The Reichsministry hereby agrees that DRK- Oberfeldfuhrer von BEHR retains the direction of "Special Staff LOUVRE" in addition to this activity within the frame of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff and will, in his capacity of inspector of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff, be used for special missions in agreement with the Reichsministry.

b) The Reichsministry compensates the administrative office of the services of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG for the duration of his activity as Chief of "Service WEST" for 75% of the service income of DRK- Oberfeldfuhrer von BEHR, according to the financial directives applicable to a Reichsamtsleiter of the NSDAP.

The right to make a special agreement in this connection is reserved.

6

a) The total responsibility for Action M and the activity of the services and the staff of "Service WEST" is transferred from Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff to the Reichsministry, effective 25 March 1942.

b) The services of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff and "Service WEST" will be separated until 1 May 1942, as far as personnel, locale and functions are concerned.

c) Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff surrenders until 1 May 1942 all files concerning Action M to "Service WEST" and agrees to inform the chief of the central department of the Reichsministry or his representative concerning all other transactions affecting Action M.

7

The Reichsministry acknowledges that Reichsminister ROSENBERG has promised Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff furniture for his services and for the institute of the High School of the NSDAP from the objects seized through Action M. It hereby agrees that this furniture will be chosen on the spot by representatives of Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff.

The right to make a special agreement in this connection is reserved.

8

On 1 May 1942 "Service TEST" will take over, as its office building, the building used until now by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff as office and residence, 54 Avenue d'Iena, PARIS.

The Reichsministry agrees to give friendly assistance to Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff in the establishment of a new office and to put at his disposal the necessary articles of furniture from the seized items of Action M.

9.

All further orders and directives for the execution of Action M will be given henceforth exclusively by the Reichsministry.

BERLIN, 17 April 1942.

Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff
for the Occupied Territories:

/s/ UTIKAL

The Reichsminister for the
Occupied EASTERN Territories:

by Order:

/s/ Illegible.

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Der Reichsminister und Chef
der Reichskanzlei
Rk. 18483 B

BERLIN, 31 December 1941
Present Headquarters of the
Fuhrer

TO: Chief of the Army High Command, Generalfeldmarschall KEITEL,
Present Headquarters of the Fuhrer.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Furniture of Jews from the Occupied
WESTERN territories.

Very Honorable Generalfeldmarschall:

The Reichsminister for the occupied WESTERN territories has laid before the Fuhrer the attached memorandum concerning the disposition of the furniture of Jews who have fled or who are about to flee, in PARIS as throughout the occupied WESTERN territories, to furnish the administration in the occupied EASTERN territories. The Fuhrer has declared himself fully in agreement with the proposal. I have requested the Reichsminister for the occupied EASTERN territories, in order to carry out his proposal, to communicate with you and with the Reich Commissioner for the occupied territories of the Netherlands and other authorities concerned. I have sent a copy of this letter to the Reichsminister for the occupied EASTERN territories; the Reich Commissioner for the occupied territories of the Netherlands has also been informed.

Heil HITLER!

Your very devoted

signed /t/ Dr. LAMMERS

A true copy
BERLIN, 14 January 1942

/s/ Illegible
(Dr. MARQUART)
SA-Obersturmbannfuhrer

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Der "Reichsminister und Chef
der Reichskanzlei
Rk. 18483 B

BERLIN W 8, 31 December 1941
Voss-strasse 8
Present Headquarters of the
Fuhrer

TO: The Reichsminister for the Occupied EASTERN Territories,
Herr ROSENBERG, Reuchstrasse 17/18, BERLIN W 35.

SUBJECT: Disposition of furniture of Jews from the Occupied
WESTERN Territories.

Very Honorable Herr ROSENBERG:

Your memo andum of 18 December 1941 has been submitted to the Fuhrer. The Fuhrer has declared himself basically in agreement with the suggestion made under Paragraph 1. I have transmitted copies of this part of your memorandum, which pertains to the disposition of furniture of Jews, to the Chief of the Army High Command as well as to the Reich Commissioner for he occupied territories of the Netherlands, together with letters, copies of which are attached herewith. I request you to ommunicate with them as well as with the other authorities concerned, in order to carry out your proposal.

Heil HITLER!
Your very devoted

signed /t/ Dr. LAMMERS

A true copy:
BERLIN, 14January 1942

/s/ Illegible
(Dr. MARQUART)
S. Oberstumbannfuhrer

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Memorandum for the Fuhrer

SUBJECT: Jewish Property in France.

As a consequence of the Fuhrer's order concerning safeguarding of Jewish cultural possessions, a great number of Jewish dwellings have remained unguarded. The result has been that in the course of time, many articles of furniture have disappeared, since naturally a watch could not be carried out. Throughout the EAST the administration found frightful living conditions, and the possibilities of procurement are so limited, that practically nothing more can be purchased. I therefore request the Fuhrer to approve the seizure of all furniture of Jews who have fled or those who are about to flee, in PARIS as throughout the occupied WESTERN territories, to supply furniture, as far as possible, for the administration in the EAST.

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BERLIN, 18 December 1941

a true copy
BERLIN, 14 January 1942

/s/ Illegible
(Dr. MARQUART)
SA- Obersturmbannfhuehrer

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Oberkommando des Heeres
Gen St d H/ Gen Qu
Az. Abt. K. Verw. (Verw)
No. 11 / 10349 /43

Headquarters, Army High Command
17 October 1943

TO: "Staff ROSENBERG" for the Occupied Territories, Bismarckstrasse 1, BERLIN- CHARLOTTENBURG

SUBJECT: Seizure of Art Objects and Cultural Goods formerly possessed by Jews from Staff Quarters and Officers' Quarters in the Occupied Western Territories.

REFERENCE: Your letter- St./v.I/Hi Tgb. Nr. 894/43.

The Military Commander in France and the Military Commander in Belgium and Northern France have issued orders, as a result of which the staff is authorized to enter quarters and homes of officers for the purpose of seizing art objects formerly in Jewish possession (Military Commander in Belgium and Northern France- Kdo-Stab Ia Terr./CH.V.- Gr. kult. of 11 October 1943, Military Commander of France Command/Abtl. Ib/Gr. 1 of 8 October 1943).

The Army sector of Southern France is excepted herefrom.

The Military Commander of France has even declared himself ready to make available his deputy for art protection, to determine in individual cases whether it is a question of a copy or imitation.

It is suggested that the staffs of your services working in the individual territories communicate with the competent department of the Military Commander in France and/or Military Commander in Belgium and Northern France; in the same manner the subordinate staffs will communicate with the local competent higher field headquarters and/or field headquarters.

By order

/s/ Illegible

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Den Reichsminister und Chef
der Reichskanzlei
Rk. 9495

BERLIN W 8, 5 July 1942
Voss-strasse 6
Present Headquarters of the
Fuhrer

TO: The Highest Reich Authorities and
The Services directly subordinate to the Fuhrer.

The Fuhrer has delegated Reichsleiter ROSENBERG in his capacity of commissioner of the Fuhrer to supervise the total spiritual and philosophical indoctrination and education of the NSDAP in the spiritual battle against Jews and Free-Masons as well as against the affiliated philosophical opponents of National Socialism, who are the cause of the present war. For this purpose, the Fuhrer has ordered that Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff should be authorized, in the occupied territories under military administration and in the occupied EASTERN territories under civil administration (exclusive of the General gouvernement), to search libraries, archives, lodges and other philosophical and cultural institutions of all types for relevant material for the execution of his task and to request the competent Wehrmacht and police services to seize the material found in order to support the NSDAP in fulfillment of its spiritual tasks and for the later scientific research work of the "High School", whereby police files concerning political activities will remain with the police, and all others be transferred to Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff. The staff is authorized to make the same request with regard to cultural goods that are owned by or are in possession of Jews, those goods that are ownerless goods or the ownership of which cannot be readily determined. The Chief of the Army High Command, in agreement with Reichsleiter ROSENBERG, will issue regulations governing the cooperation with the Wehrmacht. The necessary measures within the EASTERN territories under German administration will be taken by Reichsleiter ROSENBERG in his capacity as Reichsminister for the occupied EASTERN territories.

I inform you of this order of the Fuhrer and request you to support Reichsleiter ROSENBERG in the fulfillment of his task.

/s/ Dr. LAMMERS

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LIST OF SEIZED JEWISH ART COLLECTIONS

1. ANDRIESSE, Hugo Daniel, BRUSSELS
2. ARNHOLD, Hans, 124 Bd. Maurice Barres, PARIS
3. ARNSTEIN, Hermann, 23 Avenue Leopold II, PARIS
4. AUXENTE (PREGEL), 18 Rue Auguste Vacquarie, PARIS
5. BACRI Freres, 141 Bd. Haussmann, PARIS
6. BALL, H. Fa., 169 Rue St. Charles, PARIS
7. BRAUN, Mme. Robert, 23 Avenue Leopold II, PARIS
8. BRUNSWIGG, Betty, 53 Rue Scheffer, PARIS
9. COHN, 3 Rue du General Appert, PARIS
10. COLLORSDE, Princesse, Garde-Meuble, PARIS
11. DAVID-WEILL, deposits at Chateau Sourches and Chateau de Marell-le-Gruyon
12. DREYFUSS, 8 Rue Elysee, PARIS
13. DREYFUSS, 63 Avenue Raymond Poincare, PARIS
14. DREYFUS, TOURS
15. ERLANGER, PARIS
16. ESMOND, Edouard, 54 Avenue d'Iena, PARIS
17. FLAVIAN, Salomon, Westminister Foreign Bank, PARIS
18. GRAUPE, Societe Parisienne, 20 Rue de Baix, PARIS
19. HAHN, 11 Rue Jules Sandeau, PARIS
20. HALPHEN, Emile, 18 Henri-Martin, PARIS
21. HAMBURGER, Hermann Juan Isaac, last heard of in HOLLAND
22. HEILBRONN, P., 1 Place de l'Alma, PARIS- Credit Commercial de France in MONT-de-MARSAN
23. HESSE, M. Raymond, Chateau Brissac
24. HIRSCH, Leo, 64 Avenue Raymond Poincare, PARIS

51. ROSENBERG, Paul, 2 Rue de la Boetie, PARIS

52. ROTHSCHILD, Alexandrine, 2 Rue Leonardo da Vinci, PARIS

53. ROTHSCHILD, Edmund de, 5 Rue de la Terrasse, PARIS

54. ROTHSCHILD, Catherine, 3 Rue Michel-Ange, PARIS

55. ROTHSCHILD, Edoard, 2 Rue St. Florentin, PARIS

56. ROTHSCHILD, Henry, Chateau Vaux de Cernay

57. ROTHSCHILD, James, deposits at Banque de France, PARIS, and 6 Avenue Napoleon, COMPIEGNE.

58. ROTHSCHILD, Maurice, Chateau Ferrieres

59. ROTSHCHILD, Philippe de, deposit at Societe Generale, ARCACHON, near BORDEAUX

60. ROTHSCHILD, Robert, Chateau Laversine, near CHANTILLY.

61. SAUERBACH, 14 Rue Jules Clarty, PARIS

62. SELIGMANN, 90 Rue de la Faisanderie, PARIS

63. SELIGMANN, Andre, Arnold and Jacques, Rue du Faubourg St. Honore and 9 Rue de la Paix, PARIS

64. SIMON, Hugo, 102 Rue de Granelle, PARIS

65. SPIRO, Eugene, 31 Rue de la Faisanderie, PARIS

66. STERN, Caroline, Chateau de Vilette, near PONT ST. MAXENCE.

67. STRAUSS, Emile

68. STRAUSS, Walter, 12 Rue Raynouard, PARIS

691 TALMA, 27 Avenue Foch, PARIS

70. UNGER

71. VORONOFF, Georges, 155 Bd. Haussmann, PARIS

72. WATSON, M., Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie, PARIS

73. WEIL-p PICARD, 66 Avenue Victor Hugo, PARIS

74. WEINBERGER, Alfred, Bank vault, Morgan & Co, PARIS

25. HIRSCH, Mme. Vve. Louis, deposit in safe of Banque de France, PARIS

26. KALMANN, 51 Avenue Foch, PARIS

27. KANN, Alphonse, ST. GERMAIN-en-LAYE

28. KAPFERER, Mme., Chateau Brissac

29. KRAEMER, Galerie, 46 Rue de Monceau, PARIS

30. KRONIG, Joseph, vault of Credit Lyonnais, PARIS

31. LANGENBACH

32. LANTZ, 16 Rue Greuze, PARIS

33. LEVY, Arthur, 145 Rue de la Pompe, PARIS

34. LEVY de BENZION, Chateau Dravail

35. LEVY-HERMANOS, 81 Avenue Victor Hugo, PARIS

36. LIEBERMANN, 3 Rue de Lota, PARIS

37. LINDENBAUM, vault at Chase Safe Deposit Company, 41 Rue Cambon,PARIS

38. LOEWELL, Chateau Chambord

39. LOEWENSTEIN, F., BORDEAUX

40. LYNDHURST, Rue Joseph II, BRUSSELS

1. MERZBACH, Jean Paul, 43 Avenue Foch, PARIS

42. MEYER, Raoul, 34 Avenue Raphael, PARIS

43. MICHEL, Georges, 14 Rue Clement-Marot, PARIS

44. OPPENHEIMER, Rue Pergolese, PARIS

45. PERLS, Societe Parisienne, 20 Rue de Daix, PARIS

46. PIERROTET, 9 Rue de Marignan, PARIS

47. REICHENBACH, B., Chateau Chambord

48. REIMS, 50 Bd. Flandrin, PARIS (IVe)

49. ROSENBERG-BERNSTEIN, BORDEAUX

50. ROSENBERG, Paul, Bank Vault, BORDEAUX

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75. WERTHEIMER, Paul, 39 Avenue Foch, PARIS (XVIe)

76. WILDENSTEIN, Elisabeth, 23 Rue de Berry, PARIS

77. WILDENSTEIN, Georges: 1) 57 Rue de la Boetie

2) Chateau de Moyres, near ANGERS

3) Chateau Sourches

78. WILDENSTEIN, Lazare, 57 Rue de la Boetie, PARIS

79. WOLFF, 5 Rue Marcel Loyau, BOULOGNE-sur-Mer.

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Reichsleiter Martin BORMANN

Headquarters
of the Fuhrer
21 April 1943.

TO: Reichsleiter Alfred ROSENBERG, Margaretenstrasse 17,
BERLIN W 35.

Very Honorable Party Comrade Rosenberg:

The Fuhrer wishes that the art objects seized by your staff be transferred as soon as possible to the Fuhrer's experts for further handling. Expert for the projected LINZ Library is Dr. Friedrich WOLFFHARDT, Fuhrerbau, MUNICH; expert for the galleries which the Fuhrer is considering (LINZ, etc.) is Professor Dr. VOSS, DRESDEN State Art Gallery; expert for the remaining collections which the Fuhrer wishes to build in LINZ is at the present time Dr. von HUMMEL, Fuhrerbau, MUNICH.

Heil Hitler!

Yours,

Signed /t/ BORMANN

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Reichsleiter ROSENBERG's Staff
Special Staff for Pictorial Arts

ST. GEORGEN/ ATTARGAU
Kogl 1, 14 July 1944

Enumeration of seized art works, according to the inventory lists received up to 1st July 1944 from 203 locations.

The most important locations (collections) are:

I. ROTHSCHILD with 3,978 inventory numbers

II. KANN with 1,202 inventory numbers

III. David WEILL with 1,121 inventory numbers

IV. Levy de BENZION with 989 inventory numbers

V. SELIGMANN Brothers with 556 inventory numbers.

The total number of objects is 21,903.